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Anniversary Successful

The seventh anniversary of the Mount Shiloh Junior Choir was held last Sunday evening at 3 p.m. with Mr. Dobert Harvey serving as master of ceremony. The following program was presented: Opening selection, Mount Shiloh Junior Choir; Invocation, Carolyn Harvey; Chant, Choir; Selection, First Baptist Junior Choir of Lynchburg; Scripture, Miss Genester Hancock; Selection, Guest Choir; Welcome, Stephen Lipford; Response, Mrs. June Coleman of First Baptist, Appomattox; History of the Choir, Gail Tanner; Introduction of guest speaker, Mozetta Hodnett; Address, Mr. Carl Hutcherson, Jr. of Lynchburg, Va. Offering and dedication; Announcement and remarks by the pastor; Presentations to the directors, Mrs. C. S. Turner by Miss Genester Hancock and to the guest speaker by Miss Mozetta Hodnette; Closing selection and benediction. During the offering a beautiful selection was rendered by the Junior Choir of the First Baptist Church of Appomattox. Everyone present enjoyed the program. Refreshments were served to all by members of the host choir.

Impressive service was held at the Galilee Baptist Church last Sunday morning. The pastor delivered a special sermon on brotherhood. During the offering period a special appeal was made by the pastor for the Appomattox Heart Fund. Several visitors attended the service.

All officers and members of the Promise Land Baptist Church are asked to attend the regular preaching service this Sunday morning at 11 a.m. At the close of the worship period plans will be given out for the spring drive for the benefit of the church. Mrs. Lorrane Booker is the chairman of the drive.

The annual Men's Day program will be observed at the Zion Baptist Church this Sunday at 3 p.m. The Rev. James Miller and his church choirs will be the guest speaker. The Rev. James Franklin will serve as master of ceremony. The program will include several singing groups. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Special services will be held at the Galilee Baptist Church on the fifth Sunday morning in this month at 11 a.m. The program and special service will be given in honor of the widows of the Galilee Baptist Church. All auxiliaries of the church are asked to support the service. The pastor of the church will deliver the message.

A very large crowd attended the regular monthly meeting of the Appomattox Assembly. The Assembly voted to assist any senior citizen to secure his identification card. All who are interested make an effort to get in touch with a representative or a member of the Assembly. Cards will be issued in the Farmville area at the Senior Citizens Center near the Sulphur Spring Baptist Church this Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Let us pray for the sick of our community. We are happy to report that many are improving.

Misses Margie and Marcelle Harvey attended a surprise birthday party in Washington last week given in honor of Mrs. Emma Harvey Loyns by the members of her chorus. They enjoyed the occasion.

Homemakers Install New Officers

The Appomattox Young Homemakers at their regular monthly meeting held on February 12 installed the following new officers for the coming year: President - Nancy Grishaw; Vice-President - Joan Holt, Secretary and Treasurer - Diane Shafer and Historian and Reporter-Rachel Lee.

Proposed programs for the coming year are as follows: Personal and Family Protection, Picture Framing and Mounting, Gardening, Wills and Juvenile Court; Family Outings, Flower Arranging and Corsage Making, Exercising and Macrame Hangers, Needlepoint and Crewel.

Retired Teachers Set Feb. 25 Meeting

The Appomattox County Retired Teachers will hold a luncheon meeting at Maudes Restaurant at noon on Wed., Feb. 25.

Following the luncheon, Sheriff Gene Richardson will address the group on Safe Driving and other related subjects. Richardson will also show some films which will be interesting.

For reservations, call one of the following: Miss Nola Burkey, 352-8484; Mrs. Frances Cheatham, 352-5515; or Mrs. Myrtle Scruggs, 352-5658.

All members are urged to attend.

APPOMATTOX PRIMARY SCHOOL MENU

Mon., Feb. 23 - Hot dog on bun, buttered corn, celery strips, peanut butter cookies.

Tues., Feb. 24 - Fried chicken, creamed potatoes & gravy, green peas, bread, butter, milk.

Wed., Feb. 25 - Spaghetti — meat sauce, tomato & lettuce salad, cheese squares, rolls, butter, milk, jello & topping.

Thurs., Feb. 26 - Hamburger on bun, streamed cabbage, potato chips, milk, fruit.

Fri., Feb. 27 - Chuck wagon pattie, creamed potatoes & gravy, mixed greens, roll, butter, milk, ice cream.

SCHOOLS PROGRESS

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the information. They were assured that the Board would carefully consider their requests in the development of the budget for 1976-77.

Before adjournment, the Board scheduled the next meeting on Thurs., Mar. 11. Members will meet at 12 noon for lunch, visit in the schools, convene the regular meeting at 3 p.m. and attend a regional Virginia School Board Association meeting in the evening.

The Pastor Speaks

Have You Heard?

We often use this familiar saying when telling others the news. Have you ever stopped to think what you are saying. Is this so called news degrading and hurtful or is it good, wholesome and helpful. The old saying is good news is slow but bad news spreads fast. The tongue is one of the smallest organs in the body, yet it can do untold good or can cause hurt and much pain.

"So also the tongue is a small part of the body, and yet it boasts of great things. Behold how great a forest is set aflame by such a small fire!"

Fire is good when kept under control. It can warm our homes and cook our food, but when it gets out of control it can destroy our homes.

In the third chapter of James, the tongue is compared to a rudder of a ship. The rudder is a small part of the ship, yet to lose control of the rudder is to lose control of the whole ship. How much more may we have control over ourselves by having command over our tongues!

The tongue is good but when perverted the best can become the worst. Dr. Charles Allen says ask yourself three questions before repeating something about another person. 1. Is it true? 2. Is it kind? 3. Is it necessary?

We can use our tongue in the best way of all by telling others of the love of God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Do good with your tongue and be counted with the righteous of God.

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The Sunday School Lesson

COMMENTS BY HERBERT C. BRADSHAW

Lesson For February 22, 1976

Topic: The Church's Meaning and Mission

Scripture: Matthew 16-17

If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. Matthew 16:24

Only twice is the word church used in the Gospels, both times by Matthew. When Peter declared that Jesus is "the Christ (Messiah), the Son of the living God," Jesus replied that "on this rock I will build my church." When counseling His followers on dealing with "a brother who sins against you," He made the church the ultimate arbiter. The Greek word used by Matthew, ecclesia, was generally used in the Greek-speaking world to mean an assembly, of a group or the population of a muncipality, though not of religious groups. It is a noun from the verb meaning to call out, the assembly being of those called out.

The New Testament uses the word ecclesia to refer to an assembly of believers. It draws on the Hebrew religious heritage in which the term, the assembly or congregation of Israel, was frequently used. The concept is that the people of God are called out by God and constitute an assembly of the called out. Although the church had not been organized when Jesus used the term as Matthew records them, the concept of His followers as a company of those called out had been from the beginning of His ministry a strong emphasis. Jesus spoke Aramaic, the contemporary Hebrew, so we do not know what word He used. But Matthew does not mistake Jesus' meaning when, writing in Greek, he used the Greek word which means the assembly or the congregation of the called out.

The church is the company of those who have been called out of the world into commitment to God, or, to incorporate a phrase Matthew used so often, to citizenship in the kingdom of heaven. Though called out of the world, the believer does not leave it immediately. So the believer and the assembly to which he belongs are both called out of the world and remain in it. Other passages of Scripture show that these have the function of being both light to humanity and salt to society. Believers have the responsibility for being the agents for calling out others to citizenship in the kingdom of heaven, and this they cannot do if they remove themselves from society. The church must be conscious of the distinction of being in the world yet not of the world.

Certain characteristics of the church, as the assembly of the called out, are evident in this portion of Scripture. First, it is made up of those who have faith. Jesus told Peter that he recognized Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God, only through God's revelation, and revelation must be accepted by faith. So it is of the people of faith, who accept God's revelation as the basis of spiritual knowledge, that Jesus builds and continues to build His church.

Secondly, the church will survive in the world. "The powers of death shall not prevail against it." Literally the phrase means "the gates of Hades," Hades being the abode of the dead, rather than specifically the place of torment. All mortals go through the gates of Hades, that is, they die, but the church will not.

Thirdly, the church is God's steward in the world. The owner entrusted the keys to his houses and treasure chests to his steward. To the assembly of the called out has been revealed the way to citizenship in the kingdom. It is the responsibility of the church to show humanity the way into the kingdom of God. The church is the agency through which the called out carry on God's work in the world. It is to show people, alienated from and disobedient to God, how they may obtain the forgiveness necessary to restoration to God's household.

Fourthly, the church must be in accord with God's purpose. Peter, the rock on which Jesus would build His church, becomes Satan, the tempter, when he would prevent Jesus from carrying out His mission in the Incarnation. The church on earth may not always understand God's purpose, but it must not subvert it.

Fifthly, the church must be a self-sacrificing assembly. The called out must deny the self priority and give that priority to God. The church and the called out may be called to suffer, as they have done in history and are doing in some places today. The true life is not in the self, although it may appear so, but rather is in God, who is the Author and Giver of life.

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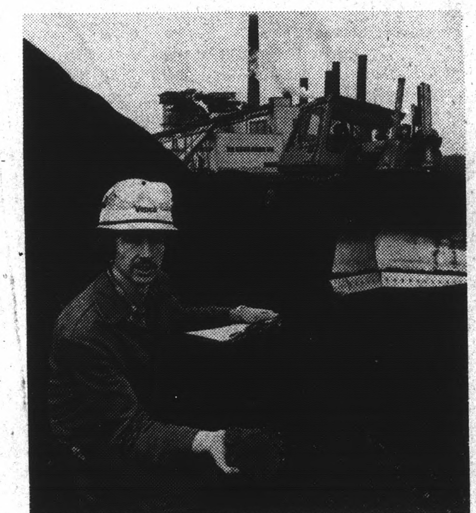

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MISS CASSIE BALDWIN HONORED

On Sunday, February 8, 1976 the W. M.U. observed Focus week at Rocks Church and honored one of their faithful W.M.U. members, Cassie Baldwin with a 10 K Gold W.M.U. Pin presented by Helen Inge, president and a song: Something good is Going To Happen To You Today" rendered by Ruby Almond. This was quite a surprise and thanks expressed to all for remembering me in such a wonderful way. She was president of W.M.U. as early as year 1933, secretary of Rocks Extension Home Makers Club, the W.M.U. Training Union, Sunday School and Clerk of Rocks Church at the present time.

Students Named To Attend Governor's School For The Gifted

Four hundred thirty-one tenth and eleventh grade students from 234 public and private high schools in Virginia have been selected to attend the 1976 Governor's School for the Gifted, the State Department of Education has announced.

Joseph Michael Ford and Susan Marie Rosser of Appomattox County High School have been named to attend from our area.

The students, all of whom are in the top 10 percent in ability and academic standing in their schools or who display unusual talent in the arts, come from 109 localities - - 34 cities and towns and 75 counties - - according to Mrs. Isabelle P. Rucker, associate director of special programs for the gifted in the education agency.

Most of the students will attend this year's School - - 403 - - come from 206 public high schools and 28 students are from the same number of private schools in 17 localties. Slightly over half of the students are female, Mrs. Rucker said.

The students were selected earlier this year by a special committee appointed by the Board of Education. The committee was composed of educators representing public and private educational institutions plus arts, sciences, and humanities interests. The students were chosen from 737 nominations made by public school division superintendents and private high school principals.

The School centers will operate for four weeks this summer, the fourth consecutive year the program has been sponsored by the Department of Education. This year's centers and their period of operation are Randolph-Macon Woman's College in Lynchburg, June 16-July 13; Mary Baldwin College in Staunton, June 18-July 15; and Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, June 20-July 17.

Since 1973 there have been 2,650 high school students nominated for the summer activity and 1,646 have been accepted.

B&W Receives $92 Million In ERDA Contract Awards

LYNCHBURG - The Babcock Company has received contract awards totaling $92,260,000 from the Energy Research & Development Administration, it was announced today.

B&W said that the orders are modifications to existing contracts for construction of nuclear components for the Navy's nuclear propulsion program. Currently included among the nuclear powered craft are submarines and aircraft carriers as well as surface escort ships.

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